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IN APPLICATIONS: **ERGONOMIC HANDLE**
APPLICATION NO.: 09/425,743
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Further to the telephone message that I left with Examiner Graham on March 27, 2001 and his return message to me that this case has not yet been examined and he was expecting it to come up for examination in about two to three months time, as advised verbally, I hereby submit a preliminary amendment to this application in the way of additional claims.

Kindly insert the following additional claims:

21) An ergonomic paint brush handle comprising:

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- (a) a means for attaching a brush head to said paint brush handle proximate a brush end wherein said attaching means oriented substantially along a brush plane;
 - (b) a handle section integrally part of said paint brush handle and substantially oriented along a handle axis, said handle axis spaced from and substantially parallel to said brush plane, such that said paint brush handle being adapted to be gripped in a hand.

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See 37 CFR 1.27

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101 710 201 355 Utility filing fee

106 320 208 160 Design filing fee

107 490 207 245 Plant filing fee

108 710 208 355 Reissue filing fee

114 150 214 75 Provisional filing fee

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims 39 -20** = 19 x 18 = 342
Independent Claims 7 -3** = 4 x 80 = 320
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103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20

102 80 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3

104 270 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid

109 80 209 40 ** Reissue independent claims
over original patent110 18 210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20
and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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105 130 205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath

127 50 227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or
cover sheet

139 130 139 130 Non-English specification

147 2,520 147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination

112 820* 112 820* Requesting publication of SIR prior to
Examiner action113 1,840* 113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after
Examiner action

115 110 215 55 Extension for reply within first month

116 390 216 195 Extension for reply within second month

117 890 217 445 Extension for reply within third month

118 1,390 218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month

128 1,890 228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month

119 310 219 155 Notice of Appeal

120 310 220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal

121 270 221 135 Request for oral hearing

138 1,510 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding

140 110 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable

141 1,240 241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional

142 1,240 242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)

143 440 243 220 Design issue fee

144 600 244 300 Plant issue fee

122 130 122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner

123 50 123 50 Petitions related to provisional applications

126 240 126 240 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt

581 40 581 40 Recording each patent assignment per
property (times number of properties)146 710 246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection
(37 CFR § 1.129(e))149 710 249 355 For each additional invention to be
examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))

179 710 279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

169 900 169 900 Request for expedited examination
of a design application

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